

# Toolbox Talk

## Kerb lifters

Road kerbs weigh between 40 and 78kg each depending on the type and size. This represents a manual handling hazard with a risk of causing musculoskeletal problems.

Kerb lifters are a simple device that allows the road kerb to be lifted by two people or by a lifting device.

Kerb lifters can be used for coping stones and concrete blocks.



### How the kerb lifter works:

The kerb lifter operates by a scissor action. The gripping arms hold onto the kerb and as the kerb lifter is raised the grip tightens and supports the weight of the kerb.

**Care still needs to be exercised to adopt the correct lifting posture.** There is the added problem of a two-man lift that needs to be co-ordinated. One person must be nominated as the lift controller and gives instructions to the second person.

The type of kerb lifter will need to be selected to suit to size, shape and weight of the kerbs to be lifted.